

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 108
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reginald Dunn of
Michellville, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reginald Dunn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities, particularly dedicating his career to furthering the interests of minority business owners and serving as an advocate for the needs of the under served in our society; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee, Mr. Dunn began his illustrious career in community consulting in 1970 as the Director of the Dayton, Ohio Community Services Program of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation; in 1972, he became the Director of the Dayton, Ohio Model Cities Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, an employee of the Booker T. Washington Foundation for fourteen years, Reginald Dunn served as the Program Manager for the Foundation's Cable Communication Resource Center, as the Program Manager for the Rail Resources Institute, as the Vice-

President for Marketing and the Program Manager of the Portfolio System and as the Senior Vice-President for Corporate Development; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Dunn accepted the position of Vice-President of OAO, Inc., one of the largest African-American corporations involved in the development and management of high technology systems; in this capacity, he was responsible for the expansion of domestic and international markets and assisted in diversifying company markets by expanding into the private sector and state and local governments, including assisting in securing a \$500 million contract with the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Dunn most recently served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of DDL, Inc., an economic development and communications firm that specializes in minority business enterprise, public relations and marketing, thus helping minority-owned businesses overcome challenges and remain competitive in today's marketplace; and

WHEREAS, despite the remarkable amount of time that he devoted to the valuable work of DDL, Inc., Mr. Dunn still found time to contribute to several notable causes and founded several worthy organizations, including the Dayton Local Development Corporation, the Dayton Citizens Cable Television Corporation, the Unity State Bank of Dayton, the Dayton Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporation and the Tennessee Valley Center for Minority Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee benefited greatly from Reginald Dunn's compassion and expertise, as Mr. Dunn served as an advisor to many Tennessee political and civic leaders, including Congressman Harold Ford, Senior, Congressman Harold Ford, Junior, Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry, Dr. W. W. Herenton, Mayor of Memphis, Shelby County Mayor A.C. Wharton, Representative Joe Armstrong of Knoxville and Avon W. Rollins; and

WHEREAS, Reginald Dunn assisted in bringing more than \$20 million in venture capital to Tennessee for use by minority business persons, aided in the capitalization of venture capital funds in Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga and other cities in the Tennessee Valley

Region and served as an advisor to the top management of the Tennessee Valley Authority on several key issues; he also helped create Knoxville's WRKB, the first black-owned and operated cable radio station in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for over 25 years, Mr. Dunn supported and advised the Black Caucus, Annual Tennessee Legislative Retreat; and

WHEREAS, Reginald L. Dunn was elected an Alternate Delegate from the District of Columbia to the 1988 National Democratic Convention; and

WHEREAS, establishing an extraordinary legacy of community service and civic involvement, Mr. Dunn served on Prince George's County State Task Force on Educational Funding (as Chairperson), on Prince George's County Black Male Achievement Commission, on the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority of Dayton, Ohio, on the Maryland State Task Force on Educational Funding (as Chairman), on the Tennessee Valley Authority Minority Economic Development Advisory Council, on the University of the District of Columbia's Board of Trustees Nominating Committee, on the Minority Business Opportunity Commission of the District of Columbia Government (as Chairperson), on the Educational Institution Licensor Commission of the District of Columbia Government, on the Vestry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and on the State Department Promotion Board of the U.S. State Department; and

WHEREAS, drawing upon this outstanding record of public service, Reginald Dunn also served the public as a member of the Young Men's Christian Association's Board of Directors, as Vice President of the Maryland State Board of Education, as Chairman of Prince George's County Land Redevelopment Authority, as a member of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, as Vice President of the Board of Directors of Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, as a member of the Committee of 100, as a member of the Community and Business Advisory Committee of Roosevelt High School and as Chairman of the Woodmore Elementary School Male Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn was also affiliated with the American Planning Association, the National Planning Association, the National Contract Management Association, the National Business League, High Technology Council, Inc., a Member Organization of the U.S. State Department, the Capitol Hill Chapter of the Kiwanis Club, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Southeast Neighbors Association, the African Art Museum, the Children's Museum, the Alumni Association of Tennessee State University, the NAACP, the Woodmore Neighborhood Association and the Prince George's County Executive Transition Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reginald Dunn, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dunn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.